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LONGMYER'S LETTER TO GALLAGHER OF MAY 14

1. THE FRG FOREIGN OFFICE HAS INFORMED US OF THE
GERMAN AMBASSADOR'S EFFORTS TO ARRANGE AN APPOINTMENT
FOR MR. SUDER OF TEXACO WITH CONGOLESE OFFICIALS TO
DISCUSS COMPENSATION.

2. THE AMBASSADOR SPOKE WITH THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF
THE CONGOLESE FOREIGN MINISTER'S OFFICE, WHO REFERRED
HIM TO THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF HYDRO-CONGO. DENYING
RESPONSIBILITY FOR QUESTIONS INVOLVING COMPENSATION,
THE DIRECTOR GENERAL REFERRED THE AMBASSADOR TO THE
MINISTRY FOR MINING AND ENERGY.

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3. AFTER DISCUSSING THE ISSUE WITH THE FOREIGN

MINISTRY, THE GERMAN AMBASSADOR WAS ABLE TO ARRANGE AN APPOINTMENT FOR MR. SUDER TO TALK TO THE MINISTER FOR MINING AND ENERGY, BOUDO-NESA, ON JULY 9. BUT THE APPOINTMENT WAS CANCELLED BECAUSE OF A SUDDEN MEETING OF THE MINISTERIAL COUNCIL.

4. THE CABINET DIRECTOR THEN REQUESTED THAT THE ISSUE BE EXPLAINED IN WRITING, WHICH THE EMBASSY DID. BUT SO FAR THERE HAS BEEN NO REPLY.

5. THE FRG EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT ALTHOUGH THE CONGO-LESE GOVERNMENT PROMISED IN ITS NOTE OF MARCH 10 TO RECOGNIZE THE CLAIMS OF TEXACO AND MOBIL AND TO DISCUSS COMPENSATION, THE PRECARIOUS FINANCIAL SITUATION OF THE CONGO OFFERS LITTLE HOPE THAT THE MATTER WILL BE SETTLED SOON, EVEN IF MR. SUDER SHOULD BE ABLE TO SECURE AN APPOINTMENT WITH THE MINISTER OF MINING AND ENERGY, BOUDO-NESA.

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